



HOUSE DEMOCRATIC BUDGET RECEIVES BROAD SUPPORT

Today, the House began consideration of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2010. Cutting the deficit, making a down payment on health care reform, investing in energy independence, and reforming education are critical to the long-term economic prosperity of our nation. To address these challenges and to build on the job-creating investments in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the House Democratic budget makes targeted investments in health care, energy, and education. Experts agree: these are critical investments that cannot wait.

Support for Health Care Reform

“We enthusiastically support the House Budget Resolution which sets aside a deficit-neutral health care reserve fund and builds upon President Obama’s commitment to making health care reform a reality this year. The deepening recession has only heightened the need for comprehensive health care reform that dramatically improves coverage.” – Families USA, 3/31/09

“President Obama has said again and again that to fix our economy, we must fix health care and we must do it in 2009. We support the President and the Democratic leadership in their goal of enacting a guarantee of quality, affordable health care that includes the choice of keeping the health insurance you have or joining a new public health insurance plan with benefits that meet your needs...We cannot wait any longer for action. Our economy, our families, and our businesses are drowning in health care costs that are out of control. Every moment we wait, we fall farther behind.” – Health Care for America Now, 4/1/09

Support for Energy Reform

“The House Budget Resolution provides the tools necessary to achieve President Obama's vision by increasing investments in a clean energy economy, supporting a cleaner, healthier environment, and paving the way for comprehensive climate legislation this year. These programs protect our air, water, oceans, land and wildlife and are important to the public health of our communities and the natural heritage of our nation. **Investing in a clean energy future and protecting our natural resources are critical components of a forward thinking budget that will create economic opportunity nationwide.**” – 21 energy & environmental groups, including the League of Conservation Voters, National Audubon Society, and National Wildlife Federation, 3/31/09

Support for Education Reform

“Particularly in these troubling economic times, investing in education makes both good fiscal sense and good public policy. Funding targeted to quality public schools will see the greatest return on taxpayer money and will strengthen the entire economy.” – National Education Association, 3/31/09

“We urge you to adopt the House Committee-reported version of the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Resolution...because it will allow for increased investments in proven crime-prevention approaches such as early education through new state challenge grants and through Head Start, Early Head Start, quality child care, as well as evidence-based home visiting.” – Fight Crime: Invest in Kids (5,000 Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Prosecutors, other Law Enforcement Leaders, and Violence Survivors Preventing Crime and Violence), 3/31/09